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you money. People know this and get
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increased sales in everything. This
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It's a high kind of art to choose them.
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An Umbrella is a sensible and useful thing.
We have the best quality of low priced stock
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little price for others like \$1.00 to the All
Sick too at \$2. to \$5 each

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An ideal present is one that combines pleasure
and profit. Nothing seems to fill the requirements
so well as a book. At long last you can
take him of these in child prices both for chil-
dren and adults. Like \$1.00 to \$5.00 each
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If you don't know what to buy send through
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An immense lot of new packs the ones for \$1.00,
\$1.50 to \$2.00 each
TOILET SETS in fancy boxes priced \$5.00 to \$6.00
each

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In no way can the young folk find more
amusement than in playing with interesting
toys. We have a big line, prices \$1.00, \$2.00,
\$3.00 and \$5.00 each

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CHRISTMAS HOSPITAL CALENDAR \$1.—A
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You should have it for your arrival at the same
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them. Price each \$1

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200 boxes, all new goods, in a stationery store
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GOLD RUFFED JOINTED AND KID BODY
DOLLS—disguised as 25 cent
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LARGE KID BODY DOLL—with beautiful
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SEE OUR 5, 10, 15, 25, 50c COUNTERS,

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At CHRISTMAS time we offer you the perfume of flowers in all their midsummer freshness.

What more acceptable gift for maid or matron?

And the dainty crystal vials holding them—so worthy their precious contents—cut glass bottles in perfect taste and in all sizes for all purposes?

Our special odors are ITALIAN VIOLET, APPLE BLOSSOM and ARBUTUS (others for varying tastes). Our TOILET COLOGNES are FLORIDA WATER, SWEET BRIER and others. Each and all are our own make—better quality and lower prices result to you—larger sales to us.

Our SPECIAL PERFUME sale at CHRISTMAS is a welcome boon to the puzzled searcher.

For 25 cents you buy a pretty package—for 75 cents a "gem," but regardless of price or size your gift is perfect in its way—quality the best in the world.

For it's with the many people we find our patrons—it's the masses whom we wish as customers.

COME AND SEE!

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Christmas Presents.

We have been six months in selecting our present holiday stock, with the result that such a variety of goods as never been displayed this side of New York.

FRENCH CHINA. Our own importation. Better than the risk of carrying over from another season. We have marked the prices at a very small profit.

LAMPS. These have been displayed in our windows, and the fact that we have been compelled to duplicate our orders is evidence that the line is not surpassed.

ROCKERS. We have selected from many manufacturers their very best patterns, and have most any kind you want and at all prices.

PARTIAL TABLES. Made in different woods—so elegant as we could desire. In many different styles and prices that we are bound to satisfy.

PICTURES. All kinds, and purchased just for the holiday trade. MUSIC CABINETS, WRITING DESKS, BOOK CASES, HIGGS AND PIERCES IN FURNITURE, and a host of other goods. We have examined every article, and if the price is not the lowest ever offered in this city, we won't urge you to buy. Goods shipped prepaid and delivered any time you desire.

The Cheapest House Furnishers.

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26 AND 27 EAST MAIN STREET

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

—Young man wanted.
—Walsh Council will attend church.
—Home to let.
—Christmas presents at Hendon & Horton's.
—Gold fish and aquariums at H. C. Tullis's.
—Canned fruits and vegetables at Foster's.
—Holiday presents at F. M. Frank's.
—Christmas presents and gifts for sale.
—Christmas presents at Gordon & S. Limer's.
—Flour per quart at K. C. Tullis's.
—E. E. Costing, insurance agent.
—Xmas presents at Frank D. Kerschman's.
—Jewelry looks at Dayton's.
—Special sales at Crosby's.
—Hobby horses at Dayton's.
—Stomped illness at Mrs. Bush's.
—Blackboards at Crosby's.
—Hats made at Dayton's.
—Tartan rugs at 14 Canal street.
—Supporters at Edmonds & Van Gels's.
—Palace and 2nd at Madison's.
—Audition next door to Tompkins's.

LIVE LOCAL TOPICS.

—Remember that the third page of this paper contains good local matter, to-day.
—The Erie pay car will be here December 22.
—Ice cream in bricks. Try Pewtress at Purps old stand.
—Newton's Firemen's Relief Association has \$6,000 safely invested.
—Fine bon bons and chocolates at Laskaris' Palace Confectionery, 84 North street.
—For fresh pure candies made every day try them. Pewtress at Purps old stand.
—Umpqua Tribe is making arrangements to hold another dance and social in the new year.
—A great many country people were in town, to-day, doing their Christmas shopping.
—The foremen of the various fire companies will meet at Excelsior's room at 7.30, to-night.
—About 150 employees of the works and mines at Edison, N. J., have recently been discharged.
—The Walcott Hat Works will run the finishing, turning and packing rooms, Monday, Dec. 19th.

—The annual election of the Firemen's Relief and Benefit Association will be held Monday night.
—The Merchants' National Bank of Newton has declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent.

—The bakery firm of Blake & Calhoun has been dissolved, and David Calhoun will continue the business.
—Frank T. Smith, superintendent of fire alarms, has resumed his position as stage manager at the Casino.
—Guy Bros.' Minstrels at the Casino, to-night, will give a refined entertainment, which will please the ladies.

—Edward J. Holden has been appointed deputy postmaster at Port Jervis in place of Theodore Sherry, resigned.
—Abram B. Macardell came home from Hamilton College, Friday afternoon. He is disabled by a badly sprained ankle.

—Fresh peanut brittle, coconut brittle and chewing toffee at Laskaris', 84 North street and 17 West Main street.
—A case of supposed small-pox in Norwich, which occasioned much alarm, has been pronounced by the doctors nothing more than chicken-pox.

—Did you see the parade of the Guy Bros.' Minstrels at noon, to-day? Remember the prices will be only 25, 35 and 50 cents. Boxes and boxes 75 cents.
—Some of the show windows of this city's stores are most beautifully decorated. A walk through the business district when they are lighted up is worth any one's while.

—The Guy Bros.' Minstrel company is said to contain some of the best talent in the musical line. The Collins Bros., who are so well known in this city, are in the cast, together with many other artists. At the Casino, to-night.

—A "lady's ticket" and fifteen cents will entitle the holder (a lady) to one of the best seats in the Casino. Monday evening, for "Dangers of a Great City." This play will open a week's engagement of the Sawtelle Dramatic Co. at popular prices, 10, 20 and 30 cents.

—The repertoire of Sawtelle Dramatic Co. is one of the best that has ever been presented in this city. On Monday evening of next week the company will open a week's engagement at the Casino at popular prices, 10, 20 and 30 cents, presenting "Dangers of a Great City."

—Guy Bros. are so well known in this city that they need no comment from the press. Their entertainment is always of the best, and it is safe to say that the company this year will not be behind its previous record in excellence. The date of their engagement at the Casino is to-night.

PERSONAL.

—Sam Bensley shows considerable improvement at Thrall Hospital, to-day.

—Harry Dreher, of this city, is confined to his bed with a severe attack of grip.

—Charles Haring, of No. 5 East Main street, went to Paterson, to-day, to visit relatives and friends.

—Sergeant Louis Wengenroth was not as well Friday, owing to it is thought, to the rush of callers he has received.

—I. E. Glover, of Chicago, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. O. Rockafellow, returned home, to-day.

—Michael Hurley, Jr., an employee of the O. and W. Railroad shops, who has been confined to his home by sickness, is able to be out on the streets, to-day.

—Dr. A. P. Powellson, Dr. Howard J. Powellson, Master John Powellson and Mrs. Phoebe Patten went to New York, to-day, to see Eugene and Mrs. Powellson off for Havana.

—A popular young lady, residing on East avenue, will, we are assured, shortly become the wife of a young gentleman of Goshen, employed at Newberry's foundry.

OBITUARY.

J. Warren Hulse.

J. Warren Hulse, who, for many years, conducted a grocery store in Newburgh, died, Thursday, at Monroe, aged eighty-five years. He removed to Newburgh from Washingtonville several years ago, and, after the death of his wife, took up his residence in Monroe.

Robert Faulkenbury.

Robert Faulkenbury, father of John Faulkenbury, a clerk for Weller & Demarest, died Friday night in Newburgh. He was a writer of considerable ability and was for several years a contributor to the Newburgh Journal, writing over the signature of "Dr. Sprigles."

Herman F. Underhill.

Herman F. Underhill died in Walton, Wednesday night, aged seventy-one years. He was for many years engaged in the tanning business at Brackney, Pa., but for some years before his death was at the head of the Industrial Chemical and Stone Company, of Rock Hill, Delaware county, and was regarded as one of the leading men in the O. and W. district. Julius J. and Edward C. Underhill, of Binghamton, are sons of the deceased.

William Welch.

William Welch, a well known citizen of Port Jervis, where for twelve years he was engaged in the hotel business, died, Thursday evening, in the Port Jervis hospital, of stomach trouble and heart disease. Before engaging in the hotel business he was a railroad fireman. The last hotel that he kept was the Delaware House. He was a Democrat, took an active interest in party affairs, and was collector of Deerpark in 1893. He was unmarried.

Mrs. Horace G. Seybolt.

Correspondence of ARCTIC and MERCURY.

Edna Beyer, wife of Horace G. Seybolt, died at her home, No. 555 Walton avenue, New York city, on Wednesday, December 14th, 1898. She was taken sick Nov. 8th, and her illness soon developed into typhoid fever, hastened perhaps by her devoted attention to her children, who had been sick with the same dread disease.

Mrs. Seybolt was the only daughter of Albert Beyer, and was born at Bloomingburgh, May 11th, 1866. Her mother died while she was a child, and she is survived by her father and one brother, David Beyer, of Brooklyn.

She became the wife of Horace G. Seybolt, June 11th, 1890, and, after a happy married life of eight short years, she leaves her husband and three small children, Paul, aged seven, Lillian, aged four, and Florence, two years old, to mourn her untimely death.

The interment was made in the Mount Hope Cemetery, Dec. 16th, the funeral sermon having been preached by Rev. Mr. Ramsey, of the M. E. Church at Otisville.

Mrs. Seybolt was educated at the Cortland Normal School, and she taught school at Circleville prior to her marriage. After her marriage she lived at Jersey City and in New York. Her sunny, even temper and generous nature gained her many friends. She was a consistent member of the Park Reformed Church in Jersey City.

As a kind neighbor and steadfast friend she will be greatly missed by a wide circle of friends and relatives, and as a devoted, self-sacrificing mother, and a faithful, loving wife, her death will be an irreparable loss to her husband and little children.

CASINO'S TEMPORARY MANAGER.

George Lee, the veteran showman, to assist Mr. Corey during his illness.

On account of his continued illness, which confines him to his home, Manager Corey has asked the veteran manager, George Lee, to assist him by acting as temporary manager of the Casino. Mr. Lee, who is always willing to help any of his friends out of tight quarters, has willingly acceded to Mr. Corey's request and may be found at the Casino office from 10 to 12 in the morning and from 2 to 4 in the afternoon. At other hours he will be at the Madison House. Mr. Lee has been in the theatrical business for sixty years and is the oldest manager in the country and is easy for him to pick up the ends of Mr. Corey's business. Mr. Corey hopes to be able to get out the latter part of next week.

A Runaway. A horse belonging to J. J. Kuhlman, the East Main street butcher, and driven by Max Goodyear, ran away this morning. It started on Summit avenue and dashed through that street and Lake avenue to West Main street, dodging all obstacles and making all turns in safety.

Entertained the Mount Hope Social Club. Miss Hattie LaRue entertained the Mount Hope Social Club at the Children's Home, Friday night. About fifty couples were present. Stevens and Roeder furnished music for dancing.

Went from a Southern Hunting Trip. George N. Clemson and W. D. Brown returned, to-day, from a hunting trip to Greensboro, N. C. They report having had very fine sport.

The Bachelors' Hop. The Bachelors' hop was strictly a members' affair, Friday night, there being no outsiders present. The hop was an especially jolly one.

To Core Constitution Society. The Core Constitution Society, of the O. and W. Railroad shops, held a meeting at the O. and W. Railroad shops, to-day, to elect officers for the coming year.

PRAYERS IN COURT.

New James L. Stewart dropped a violent hypochondria's application and won his case.

The recent publication of a story concerning a litigant in Pennsylvania court, who, having been given permission to pray, proceeded to recite his version of the dispute and to ask God to inspire the jury to find a verdict in his favor, reminds the Watchman of the following similar case in Sullivan county:

An action was on trial before a justice and a jury in one of the villages of the eastern part of the county. One of the party tried the case in person and the veteran James L. Stewart, (now a resident of Middletown,) at that time at the head of the Sullivan county bar, was on the other side. Mr. Stewart's opposing party asked permission of the court, before the summing up commenced, to offer a prayer, saying that it had always been his custom to pray before undertaking any enterprise. The permission was granted, the litigant commenced his petition to the Throne of Grace, asking that a special blessing might rest upon his efforts, and that the verdict might be in his favor. This roused the ire of Mr. Stewart who had not paid much attention to the prayer. He sprang to his feet, and pointing his fore finger at his antagonist shouted, "Now, M——, I want you to stop your d—— nonsense."

The prayer was abruptly concluded and Mr. Stewart won the case.

PHOTOGRAPHS OF MANILA.

Secured by a Walden Man by the Help of a Letter of Introduction to Dewey.

Frank M. Robertson, of Walden, has just returned from Manila with a large number of views for an illustrated lecture on the Philippines. A letter of introduction to Admiral Dewey, which he secured before leaving New York, was of great help to him, for it made it possible for him to secure an interview with and photographs of the Admiral, the flagship and its officers and crew and in fact of everything in and about Manila that was worth photographing.

HYMENEAL.

Milligan-Wilkes.

Mrs. Carrie Wells-Wilkes, of Port Jervis, and Judge William J. Milligan, deputy collector of internal revenue in the First Pennsylvania district, were married at the home of the bride, Thursday evening, by Rev. G. E. Gillespie, of the Port Jervis Presbyterian Church.

Meeting of St. Paul's Sunday School Board.

The Sunday School Board of St. Paul's Church held a special meeting, Friday night, to discuss plans of furthering the interests of the school. Addresses were made by Miss Ella Budd, Alderman Robert Lawrence, Supt. Wilson and Rev. Dr. Wilcox. Refreshments were served and a social hour followed.

To Investigate a Church.

At the stated fall session of the Classis of Poughkeepsie, the pastor of the Fishkill Village Reformed Church, together with the Rev. Dr. A. P. Van Gerssen of Poughkeepsie and the Rev. W. E. Dunton, of New Hackensack, was appointed a committee to investigate and report on the condition and prospects of the Reformed Church of Goshen.

State Hospital Wants More Money.

Edward D. Tompkins, of the State Hospital's Board of Managers, and Dr. S. H. Talcott, went to New York, to-day, and will meet with other managers of this hospital at the Fifth Avenue Hotel, this afternoon, to formulate some plan to secure increased money from the Lunacy Commission.

Died Just Before Her Golden Wedding Day.

L. Landphier received word, Friday, of the death of his mother, at Highlands, in her seventy-ninth year. It is said she lived until Monday she would have, with her husband, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage.

Won't Be Impressed on the Erie Tracks.

The gates at the West Main street crossing were dropped, this morning, while Baker David Calhoun was on the tracks. He drove through the gate, and a fireman has guarded the crossing since.

Turf and Horse Notes.

—The mare "Kitty Maria," by Tarquin, was sold at auction in Newburgh, Friday, for \$95. The mare has a record of 2:25 and has shown a mile on a half-mile track in 2:22.

Real Estate Notes.

—Dr. Hickman sold his farm, lying between Edenville and New Milford, to Jacob Drew, of Deckertown. Price, \$7,500, which includes the stock, crops, farming implements, etc.

—Through the agency of A. V. D. Wallace, of Goshen, the farm of 200 acres belonging to the estate of the late William Tutill of the town of Mount Hope, was sold, yesterday, to Michael Carboy, of near Edenville. Price \$7,850.

Never Worry.

Take them and go about your business—they do their work whilst you are doing yours. Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills system renovators, blood purifiers and builders; every gland and tissue in the whole anatomy is benefited and stimulated in the use of them. 40 doses is a trial, 10 cents.

Sold by J. R. Mills and McKinnough & Sons.

AT THE COUNTY SEAT.

INCIDENTS AND HAPPENINGS IN GOSHEN TOWN.

Working on a Water Meter—Prisoners Taken to sing sing—A Pleasant Success—Pay Your Taxes—Cataracts—Dance—Other Notes.

From Our Regular Correspondent.

—Aaron Roberts, of Warwick, is working at the Ray foundry in this village on a water meter, which he has invented.

—Sheriff Strong and Turnkey Hull, Friday, removed six prisoners to Sing Sing. They were "Bob" Malone, of Middletown; Chas. F. Greenfield, alias Frank S. Green, horse thief; George Potter, of Walkill; Grudziński, of Middletown, and Daniel and Floyd Conking, of Gaysville.

—The Ladies' Aid Society's fair at the Presbyterian chapel, Thursday, netted \$118.59.

—Wm. K. Goodale will commence next Monday to collect town, county and State taxes and for thirty days will wait at the Bank of Orange County, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday of each week. The rate is \$9.90 per \$1,000.

—J. L. Rutan and family are laid up with the grip.

—M. S. Augustus Lippert will conduct the Cafe Germania. It will be managed by her brother, G. Gross.

—Cataract Engine and Hose Co. will dance at Music Hall, to-night.

—A number of improvements have been made to the interior of the post office.

—A meeting of the Ladies' Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church was held in the chapel, this afternoon.

—The Junior Endeavorer Society of the Presbyterian Church will hold a fair and tea from 4 to 7, Monday, in the chapel. Parents and friends especially invited.

THE SOLDIERS' RECEPTION.

Interest and Enthusiasm Growing and a Rousing Demonstration Insured.

The 24th boys will certainly receive a rousing welcome on their return to this city. The enthusiasm is growing rapidly and every man, woman and child who can get a place along the line of march will do so. There is great promise that from all parts of the county will come more people to this city than ever witnessed a fire parade or a political demonstration here. If the boys reach here by night the welcome will be a especially gay.

"A banquet a week or so later is all right, enough," said an enthusiastic lawyer, this morning, "but the reception the night the boys get home is what will linger longest in their memories."

"Give them a big time when they arrive and you will strike the popular chord."

Worthy of a Much Larger Audience.

"A Bachelor's Honeymoon" drew a small audience to the Casino, Friday night, but those who were there had more real genuine fun than has been offered theatre-goers in a long time. The audience was taken into the confidence of the "bachelor" at once, and the ludicrous situations in which a first class company found itself during the evening was sufficient to keep the house fairly waving with laughter.

Absolutely pure is the claim made in every advertisement of the Royal Baking Powder and absolutely pure is the verdict of every housekeeper in the land using the Royal. It is the standard among baking powders, worth the price sold at, because of its purity, healthful bread-making qualities and the strength that makes a small quantity go a long way. No trouble about delicious biscuit and pastry when the Royal is used.

To be entirely relieved of the aches and pains of rheumatism means a great deal, and Hood's Sarsaparilla does it.

W. M. VANSCHAICK,

AUCTIONEER

Clothing at Auction.

As it is nearing the expiration of our store lease, we have decided to hasten the closing out of our stock of

Clothing and Gents' Furnishings by Offering Them at Public Auction.


Auction Sale to Begin on Monday Evening, Dec. 16,

at 7 O'CLOCK, to continue each and every night of the week. During the day time we shall continue to sell at retail, but at auction prices.

THIS WILL BE A RARE OPPORTUNITY

for holiday buyers, as we have an almost endless variety of goods that are suitable for gifts. We need only to mention a very few. Kid Gloves, lined and unlined; Fur Gloves, Fur Caps, a fine line of good Silk Umbrellas, Gents' Walking Sticks, Traveling Bags, Silk Handkerchiefs and Buffers, Neckwear of every description, etc.

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HERBA SANA SANOTA.

The Creation of the Justly Celebrated Havana Cigar.

Something About America's Acquisition to the Vuelta Abajo—Observations on the Tobacco Culture of Cuba.

[Special Kingston (Jamaica) Letter.]

DID the late war with Spain have no other result than the opening of the great Havana cigar industry to American enterprise. This should alone prove ample compensation for the financial sacrifices involved. But it so happens that it is only one in a long procession of advantages to accrue from American control of Cuba, and for that reason its individual significance is apt to be obscured. A brief descriptive sketch of the industry may therefore be found of timely interest—the more so, if based, as is the following, on exact information derived from experts.

Tobacco grows all over Cuba, as also in Borneo, Jamaica, Java and other quarters of the globe. But in only one spot in all the world does the genuine leaf grow from which the famous "Havana" cigar can be made. This spot is the Vuelta Abajo, or the province of Pinar del Rio, west of Havana. Even the aboriginal inhabitants recognized this superiority, and long before the close of the sixteenth century the Conquistadores of Velasquez had established the tobacco industry which has latterly gained such magnitude. But it was not until the middle of the eighteenth century that the government established a royal factory, and the systematic development of the Vuelta Abajo was commenced, and yet another half century elapsed before the removal of the government monopoly gave a real impetus to the industry. Development then became rapid despite

the quantity of leaves uniformly on the tree.

This is the basis of the arbitrary qualities of tobacco of which one hears so much and can ascertain so little about. Although it is of course in the cigar factory that the distinction is developed to its ultimate conclusion. But the vengero encounters other and far more ordinarily appreciable cares in the maturing of his crop. His is no ideal existence, but one of incessant toil and warfare with inimical powers, the most notable of which are the insect pests that threaten his work at every stage.

All trials and chances of cultivation overcome—of which we have here but a suggestive outline—the raw product is divided into four great classes, each having its subdivisions. These classes of tobacco are the "desecho limpio," the choicest leaves from the top of the plant; the "desecho," or second stratum of leaves; the "libra," the small, inferior leaves from the top, and the "injuriado," or leaves from the ground layers. The manufacturers of the richest leaves do not handle their delicate fabrics with more gentle care than does the vengero his "desecho" and "desecho" when making them up into "gavillas" for shipment to the Havana factories. There is an unvarying uniformity in the making up of the "tercios," or bales, for shipment, which is itself no unimportant branch of the business, and when finally eased up in palm leaves the bales weigh from 100 to 125 pounds and are conveyed to the factories by mule caravans.

So much for the simple raw material. Let us now consider the process of converting it into our familiar friend, the incomparable "Havana." All told, the "fabricas" of Havana exceed 200 in number, many of which make an average annual output of from 15,000,000 to 30,000,000 cigars, while the less pretentious grade off to modest hundreds of thousands. As this applies only to the bona fide "Havanas" of commerce, the reader may form some



SCENE IN A HAVANA CIGAR FACTORY
The handicraft of characteristic Spanish restrictions, until in 1890 the Vuelta Abajo crop valued \$20,000,000.

The general character of tobacco soil is arenaceous and the temperature moist; the chemical secret of Vuelta Abajo is, however, one of the unsolved mysteries of nature. "It is so because it is so." The technique of cultivation requires the "vega" (or farm) to comprise but one "caballeria" of 33 acres; but of late years economical concentration has been adopted by combining two or more plantations. Bananas are grown for the double purpose of screening the young plants and feeding the workers; this fruit being their chief sustenance. Each vega must have its own establishment, no system of cooperative centralization being practicable, as in sugar cultivation. The hands are mostly poor whites and mulattoes, who can engage in this form of manual labor in that tropical land because most of the work is done in the cool hours or under shelter, and at night.

Apart from the secret of the soil, which is beyond human cognizance and

idea of the magnitude of the Cuba tobacco industry as a whole. Taking any average good factory for our observations; we see the bale containing our specimen cigar opened in a room on the ground floor, the arrangement of which as to light, temperature, etc., is carefully adjusted on well-defined principles. And here the leaves are separated and sorted with a rapidity little calculated to indicate the consummate skill really employed. In the moistening-room, whether they are next taken, they are carefully layered in large wooden vats containing a solution of saltpeter, where they remain some hours. The next stage is the pressing process, which has been reduced to a fine art only equal to that of unfolding the leaf again and detaching the stem—which is the succeeding operation.

The unfolded and destemmed leaves are now finally separated according to classes into "capas" and "tripas" (the wrappers and fillings for cigars), which is done by workmen seated at large tables down the middle of an immense room, and under the eye of experts called "escofadores," one of whom presides at each table. Around the sides of this room are ranged numerous small tables, which are occupied by the cigar-makers proper, or the "torcedores." These take caps and fillings, by the handfuls as needed from the large central tables, and with a celerity that is astonishing to the uninitiated spectator seem to conjure finished cigars out of the litter of coffee-colored strips and rags before them.

It is really quite difficult to follow this process. Our torcedor spreads a strip of "capa" before him and flashes a gleaming knife about it. The eye—ours, at least—cannot follow the movement, but almost instantly, with no other measurement than that of the eye, he has curved the leaf with mathematical exactness. Then with equal precision and swiftness he grabs the necessary amount of filling from the pile, places it on the cap and rolls the cigar into shape. The whole process is one of "hey, presto!—Your cigar, senor." It is more than mere expert work—it is positive jugglery, because for all his infinite celerity his cigars never vary a fraction in size or weight, according to the class he may be making. Born instinct as well as experience is necessary for his work, which is second only to that of the escofador. He is not, therefore, overpaid at five dollars a day any more than is the escofador at seven, whilst the subordinate at the large tables earn from three to four dollars.

Our "Havanas" are now made, and we will enjoy it all the more for having witnessed its creation from the green leaf in the vega to the fingers of the courteous torcedor. But we must not smoke it yet! To get the full flavor we should allow it to mature through the storing-room, where we next witness its classification, counting in and doing up into a bundle of 25, to be boxed under one of the numerous brands known to the trade.



A TOBACCO CARAVAN.

control, the most important "mystery" in the cultivation of Havana tobacco is the vengero's art—or rather instinctive knack—how to regulate during the growth of each plant the exact quantity and quality of its ultimate product. It is claimed to be a hereditary gift that no acquired skill can rival; and the experience of foreigners has invariably corroborated the claim. A certain intelligent and moneyed American spent 20 years in endeavoring to acquire the art; and when the insurrection ruined and drove him out he was no nearer the goal, but still depended on native employees. It appears to be an extraordinary development of the faculties of feeling as though the fingers possessed some superphysical delicacy. Be it what it may, the practical result applies to the limitation of buds which regulates the height of the plant and the trimming necessary to produce just precisely such and such quality as well



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- 15—Grand avenue and East street.
- 16—East Main street, corner of Goddard avenue.
- 17—Wickham Ave. cor. Prince St. & a rest.
- 18—West Main street, corner West street.
- 19—North street, corner Wickham Ave.
- 20—James and Henry's feet.
- 21—North and John streets, Erie crossing.
- 22—Lake street and West street.
- 23—West Main street, cor. Montague avenue.
- 213—State hospital.
- 214—Pepper street and Highland avenue.
- 215—State Hospital (rear).
- 216—Lake street and Erie street.
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